

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Benjamin Uchitelle, who retired from his position as Mayor of the City of Clayton, Missouri, on April 24, 2007, and a reception honoring Benjamin Uchitelle for his service to Clayton is planned for Friday, April 27, 2007; and

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle has been dedicated to the City of Clayton, serving for six years as Alderman, and as Mayor from 1991 to 1998, and then again from 2004 to 2007; and

Whereas, during his time as Mayor, he created the St. Louis Art Fair, brought Metrolink to Clayton and mid-St. Louis County, and was successful in attracting and retaining major businesses to Clayton; and

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle has been a leader in community betterment and has the distinction of founding Freedom of Residence, an organization to improve equality in local housing markets, and of helping to establish New City School; and

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle is a tireless volunteer serving as a founding member of Forest Park Forever, a founding board member of the Spirit of St. Louis Marathon, a director on the board of the Museum of Transportation, a member and founder of the Central Reform Congregation, past president of Jewish Family and Children's Services, and the current co-chairman of the Loop Trolley company, which seeks the reintroduction of historic trolley services within the Delmar Loop area; and

Whereas, Benjamin Uchitelle is the beloved husband of Susan Uchitelle and the devoted father of Becky, Elizabeth, and Elliott;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to congratulate Benjamin Uchitelle on the occasion of his retirement from the post of Mayor of the City of Clayton, to extend our gratitude for his faithful service, and to wish him every success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Benjamin Uchitelle, retiring Mayor of the City of Clayton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker